

SECOND/THIRD READINGS SUMMARY SHEETCASE: C14-2020-0038 – 508 Kemp StreetDISTRICT: 3ADDRESS: 508 Kemp StreetSITE AREA: 2.16 acresPROPERTY OWNER:

Johnny A. Steen

AGENT:

Drenner Group (Leah M. Bojo)

CASE MANAGER: Kate Clark (512-974-1237, kate.clark@austintexas.gov)REQUEST:

Conduct a public hearing and approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by rezoning property locally known as 508 Kemp Street (Country Club East Watershed). Applicant Request: To rezone from family residence – neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district zoning to townhouse and condominium residence – neighborhood plan (SF-6-NP) combining district zoning. A valid petition has been filed in opposition to this rezoning request.

PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

October 15, 2020	Approved a postponement to October 29, 2020 at the request of Council. Vote: 10-1. [J. Flannigan voted nay].
October 1, 2020	Approved neighborhood's request for postponement to October 15, 2020. Vote: 11-0.
August 27, 2020	Approved Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone to SF-6-NP on first reading only. Vote: 7-2. [K. Tovo and A. Alter voted nay, L. Pool and A. Kitchen abstained].
July 30, 2020	Approved applicant's request for postponement to August 27, 2020. Vote: 11-0.

ISSUES:

There are no new issues for this case.

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEETCASE: C14-2020-0038 – 508 Kemp StreetDISTRICT: 3ZONING FROM: SF-3-NPTO: SF-6-NPADDRESS: 508 Kemp StreetSITE AREA: 2.16 acresPROPERTY OWNER:

Johnny A. Steen

AGENT:

Drenner Group (Leah M. Bojo)

CASE MANAGER: Kate Clark (512-974-1237, kate.clark@austintexas.gov)STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the applicant's request for Townhouse and Condominium Residence – Neighborhood Plan (SF-6-NP) combining district zoning. *For a summary of the basis of staff's recommendation, see pages 3 and 4.*

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

June 23, 2020 **Approved the Applicant's request to rezone SF-6-NP. (8-3)**
[C. Hempel, G. Anderson – 2nd; A. Azhar, C. Llanes Pulido, T. Shaw
voted nay; R. Schneider abstained].

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

October 29, 2020 **Scheduled for City Council.**

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Vote: 10-1. [J. Flannigan voted nay].

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ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ISSUES

Affordable housing cannot be made a condition or part of a typical zoning ordinance. Therefore, the applicant has agreed to a Private Restrictive Covenant (RC) outlining the affordable housing terms should the rezoning of this property be approved. Because this is a Private RC, City staff have not been part of the discussions or terms to the agreement.

On May 26, 2020 the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (MNPCT) met to discuss their recommendation of this rezoning case. They voted to oppose the rezoning request.

All communication received for this rezoning case can be found in *Exhibit C: Correspondence Received*.

A valid petition of 31.37% has been filed by the adjacent property owners in opposition to this rezoning request. A current map and list of property owners of the petition area and the electronic signatures received to date are included in *Exhibit D: Formal Petition*.

At the Planning Commission meeting on June 23, 2020 the applicant informed the Commission that they were willing to provide a minimum of one affordable unit at 60% MFI and public access to their planned playscape/open space. These provisions cannot be included in an ordinance. The applicant told the Planning Commission that these items could be included in their home owners association (HOA) documents and that they are open to discussing a private restrictive covenant with a partner group from the neighborhood.

CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

This property is located on the west side of Kemp Street and is approximately 2.16 acres in size. It is currently developed with a single-family residential building. Adjacent to the north is right-of-way reserved for Grove Boulevard. This is a proposed road in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) and is not currently built. Across the proposed right-of-way are tracts zoned SF-3-NP with single-family residential buildings on them. Across Kemp Street to the east are tracts zoned SF-3-NP with single family residential and religious assembly buildings. Adjacent to the south are tracts zoned SF-3-NP which are undeveloped. Adjacent to the west are tracts zoned GR-CO-NP which are undeveloped.

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

1. *The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.*

The applicant is requesting a base zoning district of SF-6. This district is intended as an area for moderate density single family, duplex, two family, townhouse and condominium use. It is appropriate for areas in which unusually large lots predominate with access to other than minor residential streets, and in selected areas where a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate. This property is located midblock on a local residential street, is predominately surrounded by SF-3-NP zoning and is internal to the Montopolis

Neighborhood. Kemp Street is classified as a Level 1 road in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) and is not a through street. Additionally, *Housing and Neighborhood Policy 11* (HN P11) states: *Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change and ensuring context sensitive infill in such locations as designated redevelopment areas, corridors, and infill sites.*

Because this site is located internally to the neighborhood, is not located along a through street nor is it close to or have easy access to a major thoroughfare, Staff does not recommend rezoning this property to SF-6-NP. For this area of the Montopolis Neighborhood, the base zoning of SF-6 is more appropriate along major collectors/ thoroughfares and/or towards the periphery of the neighborhood boundary.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	Zoning	Land Uses
Site	SF-3-NP	Single-family residential
North	GR-CO-NP, SF-3-NP, P-NP	Undeveloped, single-family residential and public park
South	SF-3-NP	Undeveloped
East	SF-3-NP	Single-family residential, religious assembly building
West	GR-CO-NP	Undeveloped (Ecology Action Circle Acres Nature Preserve)

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan (NP Ordinance No. 010927-05)

TIA: A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC 25-6-113]

WATERSHED: Country Club East (suburban)

OVERLAYS: Airport Overlay (Controlled Compatible Land Use Area) and Residential Design Standards

SCHOOLS: Allison Elementary, Martin Middle and Eastside Memorial High Schools

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Austin Independent School District
 Austin Neighborhoods Council
 Bike Austin
 Bonnett Neighborhood Association
 Carson Ridge Neighborhood Association
 Crossing Gardenhome Owners Assn. (The)
 Del Valle Community Coalition
 Del Valle Independent School District
 East Austin Conservancy
 East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan
 El Concilio Mexican-American
 Neighborhoods
 Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
 Homeless Neighborhood Association

Montopolis Community Alliance
 Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact
 Team
 Montopolis Tributary Trail Association
 Montopolis-Ponca Neighborhood
 Association
 Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
 Pleasant Valley
 Preservation Austin
 River Bluff Neighborhood Assoc.
 SELTexas
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
 Southeast Austin Neighborhood Alliance
 Vargas Neighborhood Association

AREA CASE HISTORIES:

Number	Request	Commission	City Council
C14-2020-0044 Saxon Acres Residential Zoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Approved SF-6-NP.	Granted an indefinite postponement request by the applicant on 8/24/20.
C14-2020-0030 200 Montopolis Rezoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Denied request.	Granted an indefinite postponement request by the applicant on 8/24/20.
C14-2020-0039 Clovis and Kemp Rezoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Denied request.	Granted an indefinite postponement request by the applicant on 8/24/20.
C14H-2017-0055 NPA-2016-005.04 500 Montopolis	SF-3-NP to GR-MU-H-NP and GR-MU-NP	HLC: to grant GR-MU-H-CO-NP and GR-MU-CO-NP PC: to grant SF-3-H-NP	Granted an indefinite postponement request by staff on 6/20/19. Withdrawn

Number	Request	Commission	City Council
C14-2013-0107 600 Kemp Street Rezoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Denied request.	Denied request (3/20/14) (Valid petition)

RELATED CASES:

C14-01-0060: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan rezoning (Ordinance No. 010927-28). This property's base district zoning was not rezoned (changed) during this process.

EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

Street	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Kemp St	50' - 56'	28'	Level 1	None	None	Yes

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS:

Comprehensive Planning

This zoning case is located on the west side of Kemp Street, 500 feet north of Atwood Drive on vacant parcel that is approximately 2.158 acres in size, which contains a single-family house. The property does not abut nor is it close to an Activity Corridor or Center. This project is located within the boundaries of the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Area. Surrounding land uses includes single family housing and vacant land to the north; to the south is vacant land and single-family housing; to the east is a church and single family housing; and to the west is the Ecology Action Circle Acres Nature Preserve, which is privately owned. The Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park is located northwest of the private nature preserve.

Connectivity

A Cap Metro bus stop is located 800 feet from the subject property. There are no public sidewalks located along this street or along several streets that abut Kemp Street. While there is park close by, the mobility and connectivity options are fair and lacks neighborhood serving goods and services in the area.

Montopolis Neighborhood Plan

The Montopolis Future Land Use Map classifies this portion of Montopolis Drive as Single Family. For all plans adopted prior to January 2002 (the Montopolis Plan was adopted in 2001), zone SF-6 is permitted in the "Single Family" land use designation. The following goal, objections and actions are taken from the Montopolis Plan.

- Goal 2: Create Homes for all Stages of Life within Montopolis. (p 14)

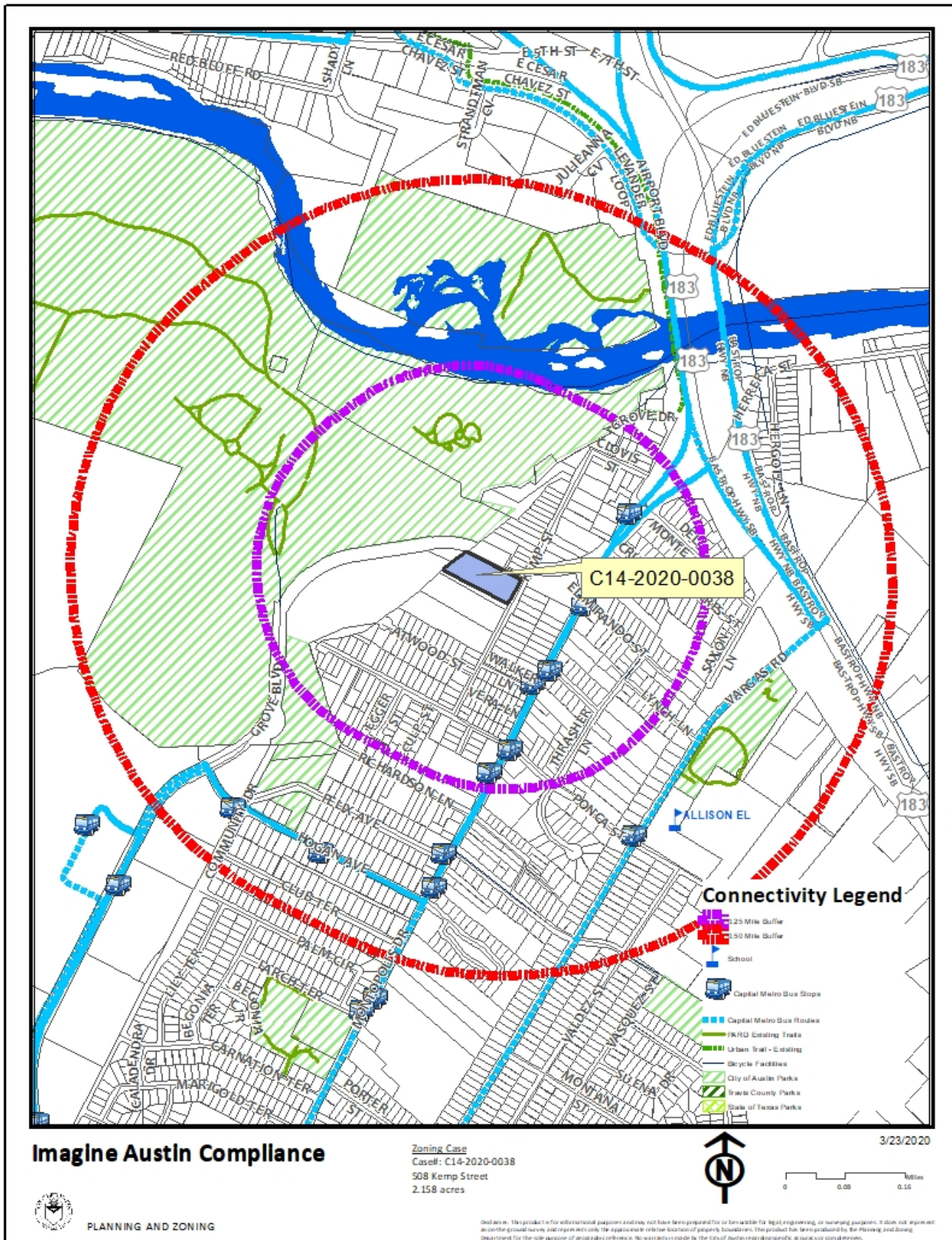
- o Objective 4: Enhance and protect existing single family housing.
 - Action 12: Preserve the existing Single Family uses and zoning in the older, established areas of Montopolis.
 - Action 13: Preserve residential zoning in the interior of East Montopolis to allow for new homes to be built.
 - Action 14: Preserve Single Family zoning in the interior of South Montopolis.
- o Objective 5: Create multiple housing types of varied intensities.

Imagine Austin

The Montopolis neighborhood has a mix of single-family houses and larger apartment complexes. The following Imagine Austin policies support the zoning change:

- LUT P5. Create healthy and family-friendly communities through development that includes a mix of land uses and housing types and affords realistic opportunities for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel and provides both community gathering spaces, parks and safe outdoor play areas for children.
- HN P10. Create complete neighborhoods across Austin that have a mix of housing types and land uses, affordable housing and transportation options, and access to healthy food, schools, retail, employment, community services, and parks and recreation options.

Based on a lack of connectivity and mobility options in the area, Imagine Austin is neutral on this project.



Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Country Club East Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

According to floodplain maps there is a floodplain within or adjacent to the project location. Based upon the location of the floodplain, offsite drainage should be calculated to determine whether a Critical Water Quality Zone exists within the project location.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment requires water quality control with increased capture volume and control of the 2-year storm on site.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

Site Plan

Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential. Any development which occurs in an SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district which is located 540 feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district will be subject to compatibility development regulations. Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

Compatibility Standards

The site is subject to compatibility standards due to adjacency of SF-3-NP to the north and south and proximity of SF-3-NP to the east across Kemp St. The following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- Landscaping or screening is required along the south and north property line in accordance with the screening requirements (Section 25-2-1006 and ECM 2.9.1.), Parking Design Standards (Section 25-6-563) and/or Screening Standards (Section 25.2.1066) to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.
- An intensive recreational use, including a swimming pool, tennis court, ball court, or playground, may not be constructed 50 feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district.

Please note, the property is subject to any additional restrictions of the Neighborhood Plan Amendment Ordinance Number 010927-28 and the Neighborhood Plan Amendment Ordinance Number 20101209-059.

Airport Overlay

This site is located within the Austin-Bergstrom Airport Controlled Compatible Land Use Area Overlay. No use will be allowed that can create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communications between airport and aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between the airport lights and others, result in glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use the Austin-Bergstrom Airport. Height limitations and incompatible uses with each Airport Overlay zone are established in the Airport Overlay Ordinance. Airport Hazard Zoning Committee review may be required prior to Planning Commission Hearing. Additional comments may be generated during the site plan review process.

Demolition and Historic Resources

The applicant is responsible for requesting relocation and demolition permits once the site plan is approved. The City Historic Preservation Officer will review all proposed building demolitions and relocations prior to site plan approval. If a building meets city historic criteria, the Historic Landmark Commission may initiate a historic zoning case on the property.

Residential Design Standards Overlay

The site is subject to 25-2 Subchapter F. Residential Design and Compatibility Standards.

Transportation

The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) adopted 04/11/2019, calls for 60 feet of right-of-way for Grove Blvd. ATD Staff will coordinate a meeting with the applicant regarding this comment. [LDC 25-6-51 and 25-6-55].

04/14/2020: Staff reviewed the ASMP proposed alignment of Grove Blvd. and determined no right of way dedication would be required from this site at this time. This comment is cleared.

A Neighborhood Traffic Analysis is required and will be performed for this project by ATD staff. Results will be provided in a separate memo. LDC 25-6-114. NTA requires three (3) consecutive 24-hour tube counts, preferably on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, during a non-holiday week when school is in session. Staff will contact the applicant to discuss the location of the tube counts. Results will be provided in a separate memo. LDC 25-6-114. Please pay the NTA fees with the Intake staff on the 4th floor. This comment will be cleared once the Memo is approved and the fees are paid.

04/14/2020: Staff is recommending the NTA be deferred to site plan submittal.

A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC 25-6-113]

Austin Water Utility

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by Austin Water for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance.

Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin.

The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

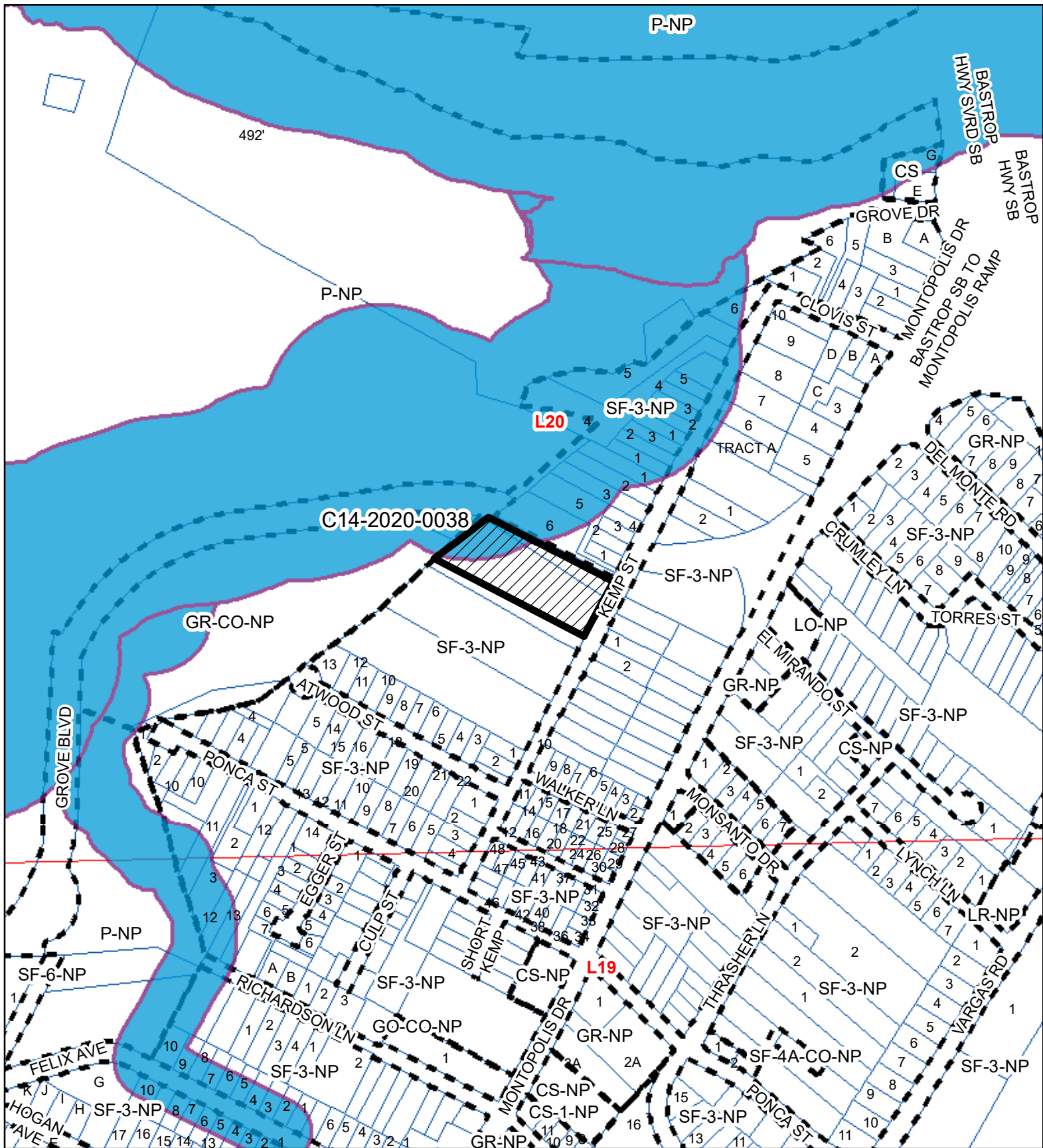
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Exhibit B: Aerial Map

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Exhibit D: Formal Petition



508 KEMP STREET

Exhibit A



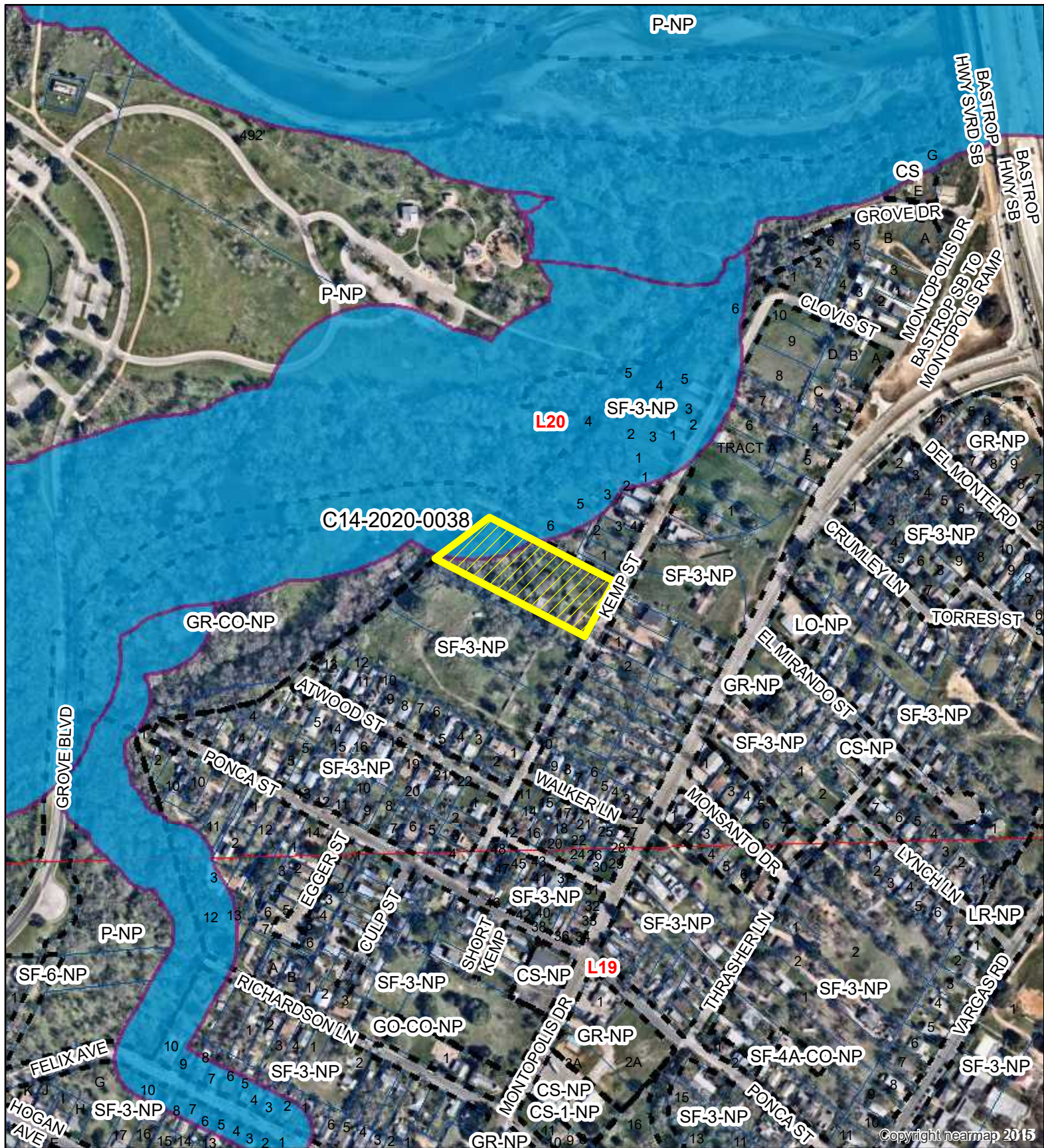
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SUBJECT AREA: 2.16 ACRES
GRID: L20
MANAGER: KATE CLARK



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Exhibit C

June 15, 2020

To: Kare Clark, Planning Commissioners & Austin City Council Members

From: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Susana Almanza, President MNPCT

Re: 508 Kemp Street/C14-2020-0038/ SF-3-NP to SF-6

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team met on May 26th, 2020 at the Southeast Health and Wellness Center. The Contact Team reviewed Leah Bojo's presentation regarding the property at 508 Kemp Street (C14-2020-0038) and had additional questions. Leah Bojo responded to the Contact Teams additional questions on June 8th, 2020.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team **opposes** the zoning change for the property located at 508 Kemp Street.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan was completed under City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on September 27th, 2001. The property at 508 Kemp was approved as SF-3-NP. We ask that the Austin City Council respect the adopted Montopolis Neighborhood Plan.

After emerging successful against the forces of rapacious development at the Montopolis Negro School in 2018, the Montopolis community is once again being besieged by profit-seeking real estate developers with little to no regard for the community's fragile natural and cultural environment, or its iconic history.

Montopolis, also known as "Poverty Island," has a per capita income of \$16,226, a Median Family Income of \$31,875, and a poverty rate of 33% according to 2018 American Community Survey data. Accordingly, we guard our existing SF-3 owned property jealously, as we are a community of families.

The Austin Human Rights Commission has declared gentrification to be a human rights violation. We call upon the Planning Commission and Austin City Council to reject this gentrifying up zoning in the name of racial justice and reconciliation. Montopolis has too much history and culture to be sliced up by the forces of unscrupulous real estate development in this fashion. The highest and best use of our land is protection, not speculation.

Clark, Kate

From: Andrew Ashmore
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Clark, Kate; Leah Bojo
Subject: 508 Kemp St Petition

*** External Email - Exercise Caution ***

Kate and Leah,

Upon further discussions with my partners in our property at 600 Kemp st, we would like to rescind our valid petition in opposition of the 508 Kemp Zoning Change and conversely offer our full support to change from Sf3-Sf6.

Please let me know if you need anything further from us to ensure this is handled properly with such a short timeline before the council hearing.

Respectfully,

Andrew

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Clark, Kate

From: Eric Dillaman
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Re: Case Number C14-2020-0039

I am writing in **opposition** to [C14-2020-0030 \(200 Montopolis Rezoning\)](#), [C14-2020-0038 \(508 Kemp Street\)](#), and [C14-2020-0039 \(Clovis and Kemp Rezone\)](#).

I am somewhat shocked to learn of the scope of the proposed zoning changes for our neighborhood; it feels like a concerted and coordinated effort by developers to shred the very fabric of our community in order to maximize their return on investment. Those of us who bought homes or land in the area, investing a life's worth of savings, did so knowing that this would be an SF-3 zoned residential neighborhood. The three streets in question: Kemp St, Clovis St, and the small offshoot of Montopolis apart from the main thoroughfare of the same name are narrow, have no city sidewalks, and I already worry about the safety of pedestrians and bikers. There is a blind hill that exists right next to [C14-2020-0039](#) which was almost the scene of a serious accident a year ago when a car came over the top when my young son and I were walking back to our house and almost hit us (again, no continuous sidewalks). By increasing the density of these lots, we will be substantially increasing the vehicle traffic on infrastructure that is not designed to handle it.

I realize that the staff has recommended rezoning of [C14-2020-0030](#) and [C14-2020-0039](#), but I wonder if they have come out and understood what this neighborhood is like, short of looking at it on paper. This type of dense development is extremely out of character with the reality on the ground. I think it would only take a quick drive around the neighborhood to see that this type of zoning is not in the character, design, and function of this neighborhood.

Additionally, the new construction on Montopolis & 183 was conceived poorly for those of us on the west side of Montopolis Dr. We used to be able to turn north onto Montopolis Dr. towards 183 from the Clovis/Montopolis intersection. However, the new design has put a median in the way to block a left turn. That means the only way out of the neighborhood to go north of the river is through Clovis and Kemp Sts. All of the traffic from these new dense condo builds would, therefore, be routed onto our streets. In morning traffic, it is already very difficult to turn north onto Montopolis from the streets that feed out of our neighborhood. There is one long light that backs up (Ponca), but has no protected left turn. Frequently only one car can make the turn out of our neighborhood in a light cycle. There are some mornings when it takes about *ten minutes* just to turn out of the neighborhood when traffic is heavy! This is without the added density that this new zoning would inflict upon us.

Lastly, this type of development is out of touch and character with the socioeconomics of the neighborhood. Montopolis is one of the last places in Austin where there is real ethnic and socioeconomic diversity. That is because people have not yet been priced out of their homes by large developments such as this, and the increasing tax burdens that they bring. In a time where we are beginning, as a city, to come to grips with some of the racist policy and zoning decisions that have plagued the city's development decisions in the past (think Clarksville & the East of I-35 plan), this type of development is anathema to real community need, desire, want, or benefit. A development that would spring from a zoning change like this benefits few people-- the owner and developer-- at the expense of all other people in the neighborhood.

I sincerely hope that you take Staff's recommendation to deny the zoning change to [C14-2020-0038](#), and break with Staff's recommendation by denying the change to [C14-2020-0030 \(200 Montopolis Rezoning\)](#) and [C14-2020-0039 \(Clovis and Kemp Rezone\)](#).

Thanks for you time,

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:46 AM Clark, Kate <Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Dillaman,

Below is a list of cases that are within the Montopolis Neighborhood Area that are planned to be heard next Tuesday, June 23rd at Planning Commission and their status. I have also included a PDF of the maps for each case for your reference. If you would like to oppose the rezoning of any of these cases, please send me an email (can be one email, doesn't have to be separate ones) stating the case number and your opposition. My case backup is due tomorrow and I would like to include it in my backup.

- C14-2020-0029 (Montopolis Acres Rezoning)
 - o Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - o Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - o Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
 - o City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Rezoning)
 - o Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - o Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - o Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
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- C14-2020-0038 (508 Kemp Street)
 - o Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - o Staff Recommendation: To recommend denial of the rezoning request;
 - o Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending; and
 - o City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0039 (Clovis and Kemp Rezone)
 - o Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - o Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - o Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th;
 - o City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0044 (Saxon Acres Residential Zoning)
 - o Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - o Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - o Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
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I verified with staff that you cannot sign up to speak on an item for next week's Commission meeting until the agenda is posted. This should be sometime on Friday morning, usually around 10:00 AM. **You must register to speak by noon on Monday, June 22nd.** I will send you information on how to sign up on Friday after the agenda is posted.

As for the statistics you requested, we do not track how often Council approves a rezoning case when there is a valid petition, nor do we track how often Planning Commission recommends something different than Staff. We do track the approval of Council cases to the number of cases Staff recommends. This fiscal year (started October 1, 2019) Council has approved 92.6% of the cases that Staff has recommended. For the last fiscal year, the percentage of Council approved cases to Staff recommended cases was 88.89%.

I have also attached some information on Zoning Petitions. If you wish to start one I suggest contacting Susana Almanza ([REDACTED]) prior to doing so. She requested this same information from me last week. These petitions can sometimes take time and effort to coordinate, I wouldn't want you to duplicate the effort if she has already started one.

I understand that this is a lot of information. If you would like to have another call later this week if you have any questions after reading through it, please let me know.

Kate Clark, AICP, LEED AP

Senior Planner

City of Austin | Planning and Zoning Department

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Email: kate.clark@austintexas.gov

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

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Case Number: C14-2020-0038

Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: June 23, 2020, Planning Commission

Regina L. Mitchell
Your Name (please print)

3508 LEVY LN AUSTIN, TX 78754
Your address(es) affected by this application

Regina L. Mitchell
Signature

Daytime Telephone: *254-368-1477*

Comments: *I object to this Rezoning.
This is my family's homestead.*

*Thank you
Regina L. Mitchell*

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

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City of Austin, Planning & Zoning Department

Kate Clark

P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8810

Or email to:

Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

Clark, Kate

From: Bezner, Janet R
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Rezoning Concern

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Dear Ms. Clark,

I am writing to provide input for the Planning Commission meeting next week about the following properties, which are adjacent and near a property I own at 204 Montopolis:

B-15 (C14-2020-0030 - 200 Montopolis Rezoning, District 3)
B-16 (C14-2020-0029 - Montopolis Acres Rezoning, District 3)
B-17 (C14-2020-0039 - Clovis and Kemp Rezone, District 3)
B-18 (C14-2020-0044 - Saxon Acres Residential Zoning, District 3)
B-19 (C14-2020-0038 - 508 Kemp Street, District 3)

As you are probably aware, a developer has applied to rezone these lots to an SF-6 designation, which we oppose. The lots are currently zoned SF-3, which we believe is appropriate to preserve single family housing in the neighborhood. We are concerned if the lots are rezoned it will lead to increased traffic, increased property taxes, and greater density and crowding, further stressing our natural resources.

Thank you,
Janet Bezner and Nancy Lesch
204A Montopolis
Austin, TX 78741
571-234-2841

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Clark, Kate

From: Hedda Elias
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Zoning Montopolis Neighborhood

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

In reference to: B-15, B-16, B-17, B-18, B-19

Part of being the anti-racist city that Austin claims to be is to seek out and listen to the voices of the people who live in the neighborhoods affected by development. Listen to how they are struggling to pay the taxes. Listen to how their children cannot afford to keep the house they grew up in. Listen to the Montopolis Contact team. Listen to their plan. Listen to our neighbors who took time out of their days to sign these petitions.

If you are really committed to the ideals of being equitable and anti-racist, you will ask this community how we want to develop and not pay it lip service. Because we do have a plan to keep the people in their homes who have lived here for generations. We do have a plan to help each other repair our houses. We do have a plan to build more affordable housing.

Help us. Don't help the developers who in their proposal will sell this new housing for \$400 a square foot. That is not something I can afford. That is definitely not something my neighbors, with a median income of \$35,000 can afford. We are surrounded by 3 petitions to build townhomes all on the route my daughter practices riding her bicycle on each day. On our tiny street with no sidewalks. These developers did not come speak to the Montopolis Contact team.

We are talking about the gentrification that is happening right now. My husband grew up 2 blocks from where we built our house. Our house is built on land we bought in 2012 for \$65,000. Our property taxes are \$9000 a year. As 2 teachers, we have an income more that most of our neighbors, yet it is difficult for us to pay our taxes. This will make it impossible for us to protest our property values. Impossible to build affordable housing on our street, as we have planned.

Please do your part.

We are counting on you,

Hedda and Noe Elias
304 Kemp Street

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Clark, Kate

From: Eric Paulus
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Opposition to rezoning at 508 Kemp st

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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Ecology Action of Texas, owner of the Circle Acres Nature Preserve at 420 Kemp St. Our property borders 508 Kemp. We are opposed to the rezoning of 508 from sf3 to sf6. We have spent 15 years converting the most polluted tract in Montopolis to a thriving nature preserve that we leave open to the public to use for recreation and environmental education. We also host school groups and volunteer activities to clean up the preserve and surrounding parkland. Allowing for a major development on the property above us will do real and lasting harm to our project, endanger a poorly designed and constructed landfill cap (the former Grove Landfill), and force us to close our road access to the preserve, cutting off the community from this valuable resource. We ask that the planning commission honor the existing neighborhood plan and the wishes of the immediate neighbors and oppose this rezoning.

Also, the city has failed to do the proper and required notification about this process and we are very disappointed with how this process is being conducted by the city.

Thank

You for your considerations,

Eric Paulus, director of Ecology Action of Texas (Austin's oldest environmental organization)

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Eric Paulus

Director -- Ecology Action of Texas

cell# 443-878-2984

Please Consider Supporting Our Work!

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/ecology-action>

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Clark, Kate

From: Isaiah
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: RE: Case Number C14-2020-0039

Kate,

Thanks so much for keeping us updated. For the record, I also OPPOSE the rezoning of 508 Kemp St to SF-6. It does not meet the city's criteria for rezoning to establish a "transition" to single-family residences, as it is directly in the middle of the street. Additionally, the property sits directly above an Ecology Action preserve and would be disastrous environmentally.

Thanks,
Isaiah Harp

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Public Hearing: July 30, 2020, City Council

Your Name (please print)

Regina L. Mitchell

☒ I am in favor
☒ I object

Your address(es) affected by this application

Regina L. Mitchell

Signature

7/8/2020
Date

Daytime Telephone:

254-368-1477

Comments:

I oppose the SF3-NP-SF-3
development. A NO GO for
this area. Unrepresentative

ATTN: Ms. Clark,

I wish to speak at conference.

Thank you Regina Mitchell

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Persona designada: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Audiencia Publica: July 30, 2020, Cabildo municipal

Tomás Solís

Su nombre (en letra de molde)

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

505 Kemp St.

Su domicilio(s) afectado(s) por esta solicitud

[Signature]
Firma

06/30/20
Fecha

Daytime Telephone: 512-970-8913

Comments: _____

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Public Hearing: July 30, 2020, City Council

Jesse Lunsford

Your Name (please print)

418 KEMP

Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]

Signature

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-415-5475

Comments: Even though these lots are large
there are only a few of the large lots.
all other lots are much smaller.
also, Kemp St. is too small
to handle it.

There is no where to transition to -
from single family to multi-family areas.

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Yolanda y Jose Perez

Su nombre (en letra de molde)

☐ I am in favor
☐ I object

Yolanda Perez

Su domicilio(s) afectado(s) por esta solicitud 401 Kemp

Yolanda S Perez

Firma

Fecha

Daytime Telephone: 512 739 1229

Comments: no estoy de acuerdo
con el con el plan
basen ya vivo aqui desde
1995 y no me gustan
que mis taxes se cubren
tan demaciado soy pobre
solo con mi trabajo y estoy
enferrma de diabetes
a tentamente Yolanda S Perez

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Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: July 30, 2020, City Council

FRANK T. MONREAL

Your Name (please print)

AUSTIN, TX

209 Bonnett St

78741

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

Your address(es) affected by this application

Frank T. Monreal

7-1-20

Signature

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-636-6807

Comments: _____

Bonnett Neighborhood Assoc.
PRESIDENT

Frank T. Monreal

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FRANK T. MONREAL

Your Name (please print)

AUSTIN

209 BONNETTS TX 78741

Your address(es) affected by this application

Frank T. Monreal

Signature

6-15-20

Date

Daytime Telephone:

Comments:

THIS ZONING IS AGAINST THE
MONTOPOLIS FLUM MAP AND DOES
NOTHING FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOME
PROBLEM IN THIS CITY OR MONTOP-
OLIS

THANKS

Frank T. Monreal

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Or email to:

Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

Clark, Kate

From: Matt Aquizap
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 kemp rezoning

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Pleas take this point into consideration when voting on the rezoning of this property.

Thank you, Matt aquizap
Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Clark, Kate
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Thank you, Mark Hall.

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Clark, Kate

From: Emily Wright
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:35 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Feedback for rezoning case: 508 Kemp St.

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Hi Kate,

I am emailing you in regards to the rezoning of 508 Kemp Street. I am in opposition of the rezoning of this property as the rezoning will be detrimental to the landscape and rapid gentrification of this community.

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Additionally, Montopolis has been singled out as an area to protect in the City of Austin and UT's [Uprooted](#) study on gentrification. To go against the recommendation of the City's zoning committee and to go against an academic study on how to further prevent displacement of Austin communities would be devastating for the community.

On top of displacement and gentrification issues, the excavation of this lot will create greater erosion into the Country Club Creek Watershed and increased urban runoff into the Colorado River. This wooded section is an essential habitat to many native wildlife and would further displace and lessen their ever disappearing habitats. The neighboring property to this proposed development is run by [Ecology Action](#), a 501(c)3 nonprofit that accelerates ecosystem recovery through biodiversity enhancement, water quality improvements and regenerative land stewardship - and an essential part of this community. The development of 508 Kemp would drastically impact the progress that has been made to restore this land that has been polluted over generations of illegal dumping.

Thank you for considering these points when voting on the rezoning of this property. I am not interested in speaking at the upcoming hearing, but I would be interested in attending.

Best,
Emily

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Clark, Kate

From: Amy Schweiss
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Clark, Kate; District 1
Subject: Rezoning of 508 Kemp Street

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Hello,

I'm writing in opposition of rezoning 508 Kemp Street. The commission ruled against the recommendation of the City Planning & Zoning Committee staff and the overwhelming opposition of the community to support this rezoning. Among their reasons for supporting the rezoning was the promise of a single "affordable" unit, which would still be valued well above the median home value in the area, and there is no way of ensuring the developers will make good on their non-binding promise.

I am generally pro-housing and pro-density but Montopolis has been singled out by the City of Austin and UT's Uprooted study on gentrification as one of the city's most vulnerable areas. It would be a slap in the face to rezone this street and accelerate gentrification in the area without taking serious steps to ensure the affordability and character of the neighborhood are preserved, which the current proposal does not do.

Regards,
Amy Schweiss

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Clark, Kate

From: Cody Martz
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Opposition of 508 Kemp street rezoning

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Hello Kate,

I am emailing you in regards to the rezoning of 508 Kemp street. I am in opposition of the rezoning of this property. The potential rezoning will be detrimental to the landscape and contribute to the rapid gentrification of this community.

The excavation of this lot will create greater erosion into the country club water shed and increase urban run off into the Colorado River. This section of woods is an essential habitat to many wildlife and would further displace and lessen their presence. The property that 508 Kemp backs down to is Circle Acres, run by Ecology Action, and it has been an essential part of the community. The development of 508 Kemp would drastically impact the progress that has been made to restore this land after generations of illegal dumping.

This proposal also goes against the recommendation of the CitAustin Planning and Zoning Committee and ignores the overwhelming opposition from the community. The commission ruled against the staff and the community because of the non binding promise of a single "affordable" unit, which would be valued well above the median home value in the area. Several rezoning plans near this property are in the works with an anticipated addition of over two hundred units on this small street. This lot is in the middle of the street and there is simply not space to add an additional 30 units.

Montopolis was singled out as an area to protect in the City of Austin and UT's uprooted study on gentrification. Supporting the rezoning would be a slap in the face to this street and the community that surrounds it.

Please take this point into consideration when voting on the rezoning of this property.

Thank you,

Cody Martz

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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to participate in a public hearing, you are not required to participate. This meeting will be conducted online and you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. Contact the case manager for information on how to participate in the public hearings online. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the seven commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our website:
www.austintexas.gov/planning.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before the public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number: C14-2020-0038

Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: July 30, 2020, City Council

Eric Suburban
Your Name (please print)

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

613 Kemp St
Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]
Signature

7/22/20
Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-861-8098

Comments: I support cleaning up the
neighborhood with a nice development.
Currently these vacant
fields attract crime &
drug users.
We support this!

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
City of Austin, Planning & Zoning Department

Kate Clark

P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

Or email to:

Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

Clark, Kate

From: Jonny Clarke
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 Kemp Rezoning

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Hello Kate.

I am emailing you in regards to the proposed rezoning of 508 Kemp Street. I am in opposition of the rezoning of this property. The rezoning will be detrimental to the landscape and rapid gentrification of this community.

Please seriously consider these points when voting:

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jonny Clarke

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Clark, Kate

From: Ryan Greene
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 Kemp St rezoning

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This would be a slap in the face to rezone this street and accelerate gentrification in the area.
Please take this point into consideration when voting on the rezoning of this property.

I suggest visiting the nature trails at 508 Kemp St. to see for yourself what a beautiful area it is, how much work people have invested in keeping it wild, and what a tragic idea rezoning would be.

Thanks, Ryan Greene

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August 20, 2020

Dear Council Members,

I live on Kemp street with my partner and baby a few blocks from the other lots at risk of being up-zoned in Montopolis.

I'm writing to oppose the zoning changes and asking you to support my neighbors and the community leaders who continue to strongly oppose these rezoning measures.

Item 94 (200 Montopolis)

Item 95 (301 Kemp)

Item 96 (Saxon/El Mirando)

Item 97 (508 Kemp)

There are currently valid petitions against each of these cases. The Planning Commission voted to oppose re-zoning 200 Montopolis and 301 Kemp and City Staff recommended against rezoning 508 Kemp.

We agree with their reasons.

There are a lot of valid issues to consider and reasons to oppose the re-zonings listed. I'd like to focus on some details you might not know about.

The developer who is pushing for upzoning 508 Kemp doesn't appear to own the property. He's indicated (through his representatives) that he doesn't intend to follow through with his purchase unless he gets his way with these entitlements.

Please don't reward this type of speculative arrangement by guaranteeing a windfall of profits. This will set fire to gentrification and displacement that's already begun throughout this neighborhood. Speculators will see a green-light to snap up single-family properties and flip them to condos.

Georgia and Johnny Steen are valuable community members who have lived at 508 Kemp since the 70s. They would be displaced, but they've expressed to us an interest in staying.

If the city is interested in enacting anti-displacement strategies recommended in its Uprooted study, please consider this as an opportunity.

I hope the city will explore the possibility of working with the Montopolis Community, Contact Team, and the Steens to subdivide and develop their property instead, in a way that would allow for genuinely affordable housing while allowing them to stay in their home.

Kind regards,
Peter Simonite

Hello Kate.

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Hello Kate. Thank you for keeping us poor residents in the Montopolis area of what's going on. I oppose this rezoning of Kemp. I have been living in the area all my life and I don't like what they are trying to do to our community! Property taxes too high as it is. Thank you
Myrtle Robinson
508 Kemp St. Austin, TX 78705

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thomas Dwall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'D'.

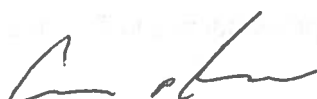
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Thank you for your time and consideration,


Colin P. Ross


Kate Bernd

204 MONTOPOLIS DRIVE

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Joe R. Villarreal
305 Kemp St.
Austin, Tx 78741

Joe R. Villarreal

Clark, Kate

From: Matt Aquizap
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 kemp rezoning

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Thank you, Matt aquizap
Sent from my iPhone

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Hello Kate,

Regarding: 508 Kemp Street/C14-2020-0038/ SF-3-NP to SF-6

I am emailing you in regards to the rezoning of 508 Kemp Street. I am in opposition of the rezoning of this property. The rezoning will be detrimental to the neighborhood and affect the ecology and habitat that live below it where ecology action has created a beautiful habitat for wildlife that is utilized by the community.

This proposal also goes against the recommendation of the city planning and zoning committee and overwhelming opposition of community. Montopolis has also been an area identified that needed protection by the City of Austin and UT's Uprooted study on gentrification.

Please take this into consideration when voting on the rezoning of this property. There are other lots within Montopolis that are already zoned SF-6 and they should be utilized rather than disrupt an SF-3 area where the street does not have ample width, sidewalks, etc... to absorb the density of SF-6 housing.

Thank you,
Cecile M. LaBossiere

Clark, Kate

From: Jessica Foster
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Letter to City Council

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Dear Council Member *Clark*.

I am writing today to ask for your support in protecting the Montopolis neighborhood. [On October 1st](#) City Council members will discuss upzoning the property 508 Kemp St. to SF-6. This proposed upzoning poses a threat to the environment, risks displacing predominately African American and Hispanic families who have lived in the Montopolis neighborhood for generations, and endangers the safety of the neighborhood and community members.

The Montopolis neighborhood has a diverse ecology and we must protect the green space. The 508 Kemp St. property sits adjacent to Circle Acres Nature Preserve, formerly Grove Landfill. Development of this property may threaten the integrity of the landfill cap. This may lead to toxic landfill eroding into the creek thus polluting our waterways.

The Montopolis neighborhood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Austin. It is historically a low-income community of color and it needs to be protected from gentrification, displacement, and institutional racism. The Montopolis neighborhood plan supports development within the existing SF-3 zoning to keep with the tradition of single-family homes in this neighborhood. Upzoning to SF-6 on the [508 Kemp St.](#) property will inevitably result in upzoning of the 8+ other properties petitioning for SF-6 which will result in a significant increase of property values and property taxes which will lead to the displacement of families who have lived in this neighborhood for generations. I ask that you please support the neighborhood and stand up to protect the integrity of our community.

And finally, I would like to call your attention to the safety of the community. Upzoning to SF-6 will significantly increase traffic along Kemp Street, which is the solitary entrance and exit to the neighborhood. The developer of another tract of land proposed for upzoning to SF-6, projected an increase of 250 cars/day just from this single development (there are a total of 9 single family tracts of land proposed for upzoning, some of which propose greater than 100 units). This increase in traffic will endanger the safety of the neighborhood as well as the greater Austin community who use Kemp street and the Montopolis bridge as a commuter friendly route to connect to

downtown. Please protect the safety of our community and vote against upzoning. Please honor the neighborhood's valid petition and vote to protect this neighborhood. I ask that you join me and oppose the upzoning of 508 Kemp St. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Foster, [REDACTED], (615) 730-1580

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Clark, Kate

From: Krystof Donovan
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 1:45 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Letter for City Council

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Dear Council Member (*Pool, Kitchen, Tovo, Alter and Mayor Steve Adler*),

I am writing today to ask for your support in protecting the Montopolis neighborhood. On October 1st City Council members will discuss upzoning the property 508 Kemp St. to SF-6. This proposed upzoning poses a threat to the environment, risks displacing predominately African American and Hispanic families who have lived in the Montopolis neighborhood for generations, and endangers the safety of the neighborhood and community members.

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The Montopolis neighborhood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Austin. It is historically a low-income community of color and it needs to be protected from gentrification, displacement, and institutional racism. The Montopolis neighborhood plan supports development within the existing SF-3 zoning to keep with the tradition of single-family homes in this neighborhood. Upzoning to SF-6 on the 508 Kemp St. property will inevitably result in upzoning of the 8+ other properties petitioning for SF-6 which will result in a significant increase of property values and property taxes which will lead to the displacement of families who have lived in this neighborhood for generations. I ask that you please support the neighborhood and stand up to protect the integrity of our community.

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Clark, Kate

From: Attila Bányi
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Clark, Kate; Pool, Leslie; Adler, Steve; Kitchen, Ann; Alter, Alison; Tovo, Kathie
Subject: Letter for Austin City Council

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I am writing today to ask for your support in protecting the Montopolis neighborhood. On October 1st City Council members will discuss upzoning the property 508 Kemp St. to SF-6.

I'm from Sajóbáony, Hungary, but unfortunately all this affects me too.

I ride BMX since 2006, when I was a kid, and I still ride now too, even next to university and work. I don't know if you know how it feels when you passionately and humbly love doing a sport - what could give more in your life than any other things -, but I hope you do. Our community is a global community, friendships exist all over the world, we welcome each other on our trails, which we dig by our own hands, and maintain every year, through all the year. One of the world's best and most famous trails takes place in the East Side Woods, and unfortunately I couldn't ride there yet. I was planning an American trip when I finish the University, to ride those amazing trails and help the locals maintain them, but if you won't protect the said neighbourhood, you will take so many chances (including mine) to ride them. You can guess what you have in your town if I want to go there from Hungary.

Also you should consider this to protect nature and animals, not to deprive them from their homes, because of a money-talking concrete-jungle. Just think about how you would feel if someone would go to your neighbourhood and destroy habitat, and you should take your whole family to a life-threatening, unfamiliar neighborhood - if you escape alive. Wait. Almost this will happen to the local people too.

Please, stop this process and give this neighbourhood a chance to live like before.

I'll paste the words of my friend from ATX too.

This proposed upzoning poses a threat to the environment, risks displacing predominately African American and Hispanic families who have lived in the Montopolis neighborhood for generations, and endangers the safety of the neighborhood and community members.

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Sincerely,
Attila Bányi



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Clark, Kate

From: Devon Lampman
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Fwd: Please consider

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Devon Lampman [REDACTED]
Date: September 29, 2020 at 9:22:04 AM CDT
To: kate.clark@austintx.gov
Subject: Please consider

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Sincerely,
Devon Lampman, [REDACTED]

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Clark, Kate

From: Tom Cardiff
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Fwd: Letter for Austin City Council

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Tom Cardiff

[REDACTED]

512-995-6543

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Clark, Kate

From: Danielle windhausen
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: PLEASE STOP the rezoning of 508 Kemp St. (Reference File Name: C14-2020-0038)

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Good morning Kate,

My name is Dani, and I am writing to you today on behalf of the land, the community, and what I believe to be the city of Austin's best interest. It is imperative that we don't allow the rezoning of 508 Kemp St. (Reference File Name: C14-2020-0038).

The citizens of Austin have worked tirelessly to transform this area from a literal garbage dump, into an intricate ecosystem and green space for the community to enjoy. This is a refuge for plants, animals and people alike. As a resident of East Austin for 10 years, I have watched construction and development changing the city around us. I understand that there is a lot of population growth, and that it requires new homes built. However, there needs to be green spaces protected within the city. As a herbalist, this is a place where myself and several others go to learn about and interact with the local flora. It boasts a diverse range of medicinal plants, along with many others. It is also a place where people can go to hike, explore and learn, free of charge. Do we really want to take away even more from the underprivileged members of our community?

"We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of it's good fortune." Theodore Roosevelt understood the importance of land conservation, and we have him to thank for many of the beautiful places in our country. Let's learn from him, and protect this small but important piece of land in Austin. There are plenty of other places for condos to be built. Let's not let short-sightedness ruin a crucial part of East Austin's community. There is so much at stake here, so much more than money and housing, which would only further gentrify the area. We need to think about the Earth, and our future children. We need to think about our well-being, and how much access to a green space like this keeps us healthy, especially during a pandemic. We MUST not let 508 Kemp St. get rezoned.

Thank you for your time, and for hearing me. This is SO important to me, and our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, I'd love to open a channel of communication.

Danielle Windhausen

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Dani Windhausen
Wholistic Herbalist
www.goldenthreadherbal.com

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Clark, Kate

From: shajn raines
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Fw: Letter for Austin City Council

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From: Matt Aquizap
To: Matt Aquizap
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020, 9:54:45 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Letter for Austin City Council

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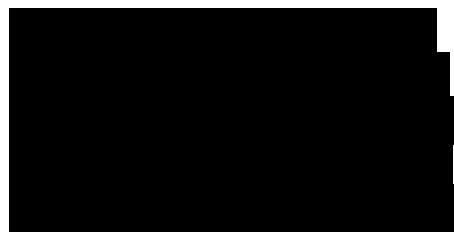
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Sincerely,
Shajn M. Raines
781 812 5056

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Hello Kate.

I am writing to you today in regards to the proposed rezoning of 508 Kemp Street. I am in opposition of the rezoning of this property. The rezoning will be detrimental to the landscape and rapid gentrification of this community.

Please seriously consider these points when voting:

- The excavation of this lot will create greater erosion into the country club watershed and increased urban run-off into the Colorado River. This section of woods is an essential habitat to a variety of wildlife, and construction would further displace and lessen this habitat.
- The property that 508 backs on to (circle acres) run by Non-profit 'Ecology Action', has been an essential part of this community, and they have spent years repairing the landscape here, after years of pollution from illegal dumping. The development of 508 would drastically impact the progress that has been made to restore this land.
- This proposal also goes against the recommendation of the city planning and zoning committee and overwhelming opposition of the local community. The commission ruled against the staff and overwhelming opposition of the community because of the non-binding promise of a single "affordable" unit, which would still be valued well above the median home value in the area.
- Several rezoning plans near this property are in the works with an anticipated addition of over 200 hundred units on this small street. This lot is in the middle of the street and there simply is not space to add an additional 30 more units.
- Montopolis was singled out as an area to protect in the City of Austin and UT's Uprooted study on gentrification.
- The rezoning of this lot would be a slap in the face to the local community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Clark, Kate

From: Cory Foust
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 Kemp Rezoning

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Hello Kate. I am emailing you in regards to the rezoning of 508 Kemp street. I am in opposition to the rezoning of this property. The rezoning will be detrimental to the landscape and only accelerate the gentrification of this community.

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This would be a slap in the face to rezone this street and accelerate gentrification in the area.

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Thank you,
Cory Foust

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Clark, Kate

From: baxter maiwald
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 6:14 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 kemp St. Zoning

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Sincerely,
Baxter maiwald

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Clark, Kate

From: cole cooper
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 Kemp St.

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Sincerely,

Cole Cooper
512-461-3773

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Clark, Kate

From: Terrible One
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 508 Kemp Street, say No to Upzoning !

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Dear Kate,

I am writing you today, in hopes that you will be able to identify with the importance of keeping some things just as they are, for the betterment of community. I have been made aware that today you will be discussing the subject of possibly rezoning the property on 508 Kemp Street. The possible SF-6 zoning, would be devastating to this entire area. Both from an ecological side of things, as well as the community that has lived in this area for decades.

Simply put, there is far more good going on in this area right now, that is available to everyone in Austin, than any type of added living space development could offer. 508 Kemp Street sits right next to the Circle Acres nature preserve. The people of Ecology Action, and Circle Acres have worked long and hard amongst themselves, and with the community to turn this once landfill, and discarded property that no one saw value in, to a beautiful nature preserve. And they continue to give and give by offering classes to help educate how people can make a difference in nature every day. Future development on this property could lead to a whole slew of pollution issues due to disrupting the soil and exposing the dark past of waste on this property

There is no shortage of housing in Austin, but there is less and less green space. And that is something that will never return once it is taken. Think about that. Little by little, every bit of nature's place in the city of Austin, is being minimized. And over time, that amounts to so much. It is up to us to help preserve these places, because those with dollar signs in their eyes never see that end of things.

With development comes added costs for everyone in the surrounding area. Property values go up and people can no longer afford the taxes on a place that they've worked so hard to make their home. One day they could feel proud about what they've made of their lives, and the next day, they might not be able to afford that anymore, only due to someone wanting to come in and make more money from their neighborhood. That area is extremely diverse in culture. As it's been a low income community of mixed ethnicity for years. New living spaces could lead to them not being able to keep what home is to them.

There are more issues that could be included in this, such as increased traffic to an area that was never built for it. Thus creating more disruption to the surrounding neighborhoods. But I feel like it shouldn't even get to the point. The Ecosystem of this area, and the community are what comes first, and always should. Please protect the safety of our community and vote against the upzoning of 508 Kemp Street. Please listen to, and honor the neighborhood's valid petition and vote to protect this neighborhood. Oppose the upzoning of 508 Kemp Street and make a stand that is in favor of the community as well the plants and animals.

Sincerely,

Joe Rich

512.413.4565

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